*[Translation]*

**Export Houses**

4868. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the recognised export houses in the country as on date;

(b) the value of exports made by them during each of the last three years; and

(c) the number of new export houses recognised during the above period and the number of export houses derecognised alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There are 1199 recognised export houses in the country as on date.

(b) The approximate export performance of recognised Export Houses during the past three years based on export returns received by FIEO is as under. The performance includes estimates in respect of those Export Houses who have not submitted their returns.

*(Rs. In crores)*

| *Year* | *Export performances* |
|---|---|
| 1988-89 | 7042 |
| 1989-90 | 8124 |
| 1990-91 | 8968 |

(c) The number of export houses recognised in each year of the last three years in as under:-

| | *3 years validity* | *One year validity* |
|---|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 495 | — |
| 1990-91 | 185 | 63 |
| 1991-92 | 519 | Including one year Export House Certificates with a Validity upto 31.3.92 |

No export House has been derecognised during the above period.

*[English]*

**Excise Exemption for Ayurvedic Drugs**

4869. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any excise duty exemption for Ayurvedic drugs; and

(b) if so, how much excise duty exemption has been enjoyed by the top ten drug